

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION FOR POST-OFFICE
DEPARTMENT.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL
SUBMITTING A DEFICIENCY ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION
FOR POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

JANUARY 10, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration
of Congress, copy of a communication from the Postmaster-General
of the 7th instant, submitting estimates of deficiencies in the appro-
priations for the postal service for the fiscal year ended June 30,
1901, which he requests may be included in the urgent deficiency bill
now under consideration, as follows:

Office of Third Assistant Postmaster-General:

Manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps.	\$9, 613. 98
Manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers.....	12, 739. 70
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Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., January 7, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of appropri-
ations for the service of this Department for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1901, which it is desired to have incorporated in the urgent
deficiency bill, as follows:

The manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps.....	\$9, 613. 98
The manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers.....	12, 739. 70

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In explanation of the above items, I inclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to this office by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, under date of the 6th instant.

Very respectfully,

W. M. JOHNSON,
Acting Postmaster-General.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
Washington, January 6, 1902.

SIR: I have to request that steps be taken to have the two following items included in the current urgent deficiency bill by Congress:

Balance due the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for postage stamps furnished during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901 \$9,613.98
Balance due the Hartford Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Conn., for official envelopes furnished during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. 12,739.70

I inclose a letter dated December 16, 1901, from the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and a letter from the general manager of the Hartford Manufacturing Company dated September 21, 1901, asking that these respective items be included in the urgent deficiency bill; also a statement of the Hartford Manufacturing Company, showing the balance due them.

The deficiency in the appropriation for the manufacture of postage stamps is due to the large manufacture and issue of stamps of the Pan-American series at a cost of 20 cents per thousand, as against 5 cents per thousand for stamps of the ordinary series.

The deficiency in the appropriation for the manufacture of registered-package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes was due to the largely increased use of registered-package envelopes, which are the highest-priced envelopes provided for in the contract, and to the fact that in the yearly contract under which they were furnished the prices were higher than in the contract for the year 1899, on which the estimate for the appropriation for the year 1900-1901 was based.

The delay in reporting these items to be included in the urgent deficiency bill is due to the fact that a verbal understanding was had by this Bureau with representatives of the Auditor's Office to the effect that the latter should see that the items were provided for; but owing to a misunderstanding the Auditor's Office arranged that the item should be included in the general instead of the urgent deficiency bill.

Respectfully,

EDWIN C. MADDEN,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

MR. BLAIN W. TAYLOR,
Chief Clerk Post-Office Department.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING,
December 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there is due this Bureau by the Post-Office Department \$9,613.98 unpaid balance of account rendered for postage stamps furnished in the month of June, 1901, and that the

said amount is not provided for in the urgent deficiency estimate transmitted to Congress by letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 10th instant.

This Bureau will be embarrassed by protracted nonpayment of this sum, which is needed for settlement of a number of mercantile accounts which should not be delayed, and I therefore urgently request that you take the requisite action to have the amount due made available for its purpose as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

WM. M. MEREDITH, *Director.*

The THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

OFFICE OF HARTFORD MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
Hartford, Conn., September 21, 1901.

SIR: I inclose you herewith statement of the balance due us on the official contract for the months of May and June. Perhaps it was not necessary to send this, but I desired to put it in such shape that there could be no question that it would be included in the urgent deficiency bill, which I hope will be passed early in the next Congress.

Respectfully,

M. S. CHAPMAN,
General Manager.

HON. EDWIN C. MADDEN,
Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT.

HARTFORD, CONN., *September 1, 1901.*

Post-Office Department of the United States, in account with the Hartford Manufacturing Company.

Balance due for envelopes furnished on official contract in month of May.	\$3,568.29
Envelopes furnished on same contract for the entire month of June.....	9,171.41
Total	12,739.70

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